11. Steel Galvanised Pipes	0.41
12. Printed/Dyed Sheeting	0.04
13. Mango Kernel Oil	1.12
14. Tea	0.27
15. Coffee	2.79
16. Polypropylene Woven Bangs	0.45
17. Rice	0.02
18. Pressure Stove	0.01
19. Sewing Thread	0.03
20. Psyllium Husk	0.29
21. Medicines	0.11
22. Bicycle Parts	0.02
23. Finished Leather	0.13
24. Soyabean Meal	0.12
25. Computer Components	1.73
TOTAL:	66.15

Setting up of a sericulture project

2410. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a sericulture in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) In collaboration with State Governments, the Central Silk Board has formulated a National Sericulture Project for increasing production of mulberry raw silk in the country. The project has been posed for World Bank Assistance. A World Bank Mission visited India during Oct.—Nov., 1988 to appraise the project. Final negotiations with the World Bank to finalise details of the Project and the cost, are scheduled to be held in April, 1989.

Electoral reforms to do away with malpractices resorted to during elections

2411. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI L. K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether elections are polluted due to (i) money power, (ii) misuse of power by State Governments/Central Government (iii) misuse of official media, (iv) casteist, re igious and regional considerations, and (v) frivolous candidates; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative whether any electoral reforms relating to any of the above malady are under Government's consideration, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) while such allegations are heard from time to time, it is not correct to suggest that the elections held in the country are vitiated or polluted and are not free and fair. Time and again, the Indian voter has exercised his franchise fearlessly and on the basis of his honest judgment. Our resilient electoral system has also made this possible. No institutional system can be worked successfully and blemishlessly unless all those concerned act conscientiously without any ulterior motive and without attempting to protect vested interests.

In fact, the guidelines which already exist like the Model Code of Conduct, for the guidance of political parties and candidates, the approved scheme of election broadcasts and telecasts by recognised political parties during elections to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies which has been in force for over a decade now; and the enactments already made like the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1985,